

SEC. 2. In the construction, operation and maintenance of the Foster Creek division, the Secretary shall be governed by the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto) except that (a) the period provided in subsection (d), section 9, of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), for repayment of construction costs properly chargeable to any block of lands and assigned to be repaid by the irrigators may be extended to fifty years, exclusive of a development period, from the time water is first delivered to that block or to as near that number of years as is consistent with the adoption and operation of a variable payment formula as hereinafter provided; (b) any repayment contract entered into may provide that the amounts to be paid annually thereunder shall be determined in accordance with a formula, mutually agreeable to the parties, which reflects economic conditions pertinent to the irrigators' payment capacity; and (c) all construction costs which are beyond the ability of the irrigators to repay as hereinbefore provided shall be charged to, and returnable to the reclamation fund from, net revenues derived from the sale of power from the Chief Joseph Dam project which are over and beyond those required to amortize the power investment in said project and to return interest on the unamortized balance thereof. Power and energy required for irrigation pumping for the Foster Creek division authorized shall be made available by the Secretary from the Chief Joseph Dam powerplant and other Federal plants interconnected therewith at rates not to exceed the cost of such power and energy from the Chief Joseph Dam taking into account all costs of the dam, reservoir, and powerplant which are determined by the Secretary under the provisions of the Federal reclamation laws to be properly allocable to such irrigation pumping power and energy.

SEC. 3. Reports on additional reclamation units in the vicinity of the Chief Joseph Dam project proposed to be constructed as units of the project shall be submitted by the Secretary from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Act of July 17, 1952, *supra*.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$4,798,000 plus or minus such amounts, if any, as may be justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations in the cost of said type of construction without endangering the economic feasibility of the Foster Creek division of the Chief Joseph Dam project, Washington.

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43 USC 371 note.

43 USC 485h.

Reports to Congress.

Appropriation.

Public Law 541

CHAPTER 586

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a certain parcel of land to the city of Clifton, New Jersey.

July 27, 1954
[H. R. 4928]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to convey by quitclaim deed to the city of Clifton, New Jersey, upon payment by said city of 75 per centum of the appraised fair market value therefor as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of land comprising the westerly portion of the United States Animal Quarantine Station, Clifton, New Jersey, lying along the southerly side of Colfax Avenue and containing approximately fourteen and one-quarter acres more or less, subject to the reservations, conditions, and restrictions of this Act.

Clifton, N. J.
Conveyance.

The cost of any survey required in connection with the conveyance of this property shall be at the expense of the city of Clifton.

Mineral rights,
etc.

SEC. 2. Said quitclaim deed shall also contain a reservation to the United States of all gas, oil, coal and all source materials essential to the production of fissionable material and all other mineral deposits and the right to the use of the land for extracting and removing same.

Boundary fence.

SEC. 3. The city of Clifton shall, prior to the actual use of the tract of land conveyed to such city by the first section of this Act and prior to the alteration or removal of any fences now upon such tract of land, provide a suitable fence on the boundary line between such parcel of land and the remaining land of the United States animal quarantine station. If the city of Clifton fails to provide such fence prior to the actual use of such tract of land and prior to the alteration or removal of the existing fences, all the right, title, and interest in and to the land conveyed by the first section of this Act shall revert to, and become the property of, the United States, which shall have the immediate right of entry thereon.

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Public Law 542

CHAPTER 587

AN ACT

July 27, 1954
[H. R. 6882]

To amend the Act of September 27, 1950, relating to construction of the Vermejo reclamation project.

Vermejo reclama-
tion project,
N. Mex.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of September 27, 1950 (64 Stat. 1072), as amended, is further amended by adding thereto a new section reading as follows:

Bonded indebt-
edness.

"SEC. 6. Upon the execution of a contract with the Vermejo Conservancy District supplementary to or amendatory of the contract dated August 7, 1952, between the district and the United States, pursuant to which supplementary or amendatory contract the district agrees to an increase in the total obligation repayable by it under the contract of August 7, 1952, in an amount equal to the face value of the outstanding bonds of the Maxwell Irrigation Company held by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation with unpaid interest, if any, accrued after July 1, 1953, and to a commensurate increase in the annual base charge provided in article 10 of said contract the entire obligation of said company to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation shall be fully discharged and said bonds shall be returned to the debtor for cancellation. Thereupon the Secretary of the Interior shall request, and the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause to be transferred on the books of the Treasury to the account of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation from moneys appropriated for carrying on the functions of the Bureau of Reclamation and available for constructing the Vermejo reclamation project, a sum equal to the face value of the outstanding bonds, with accrued interest, as aforesaid, of the Maxwell Irrigation Company held by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation."

Transfer of
funds.

Repayment limi-
tation.

SEC. 2. The limit upon the amount repayable by the contracting organization which is set forth in the proviso to section 2 of the Act of September 27, 1950, shall be exclusive of any additional amount which the district undertakes to repay pursuant to section 1 of this Act.

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